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My brother Muk is a very bad boy.
He pulls the cat's tail, breaks my favourite toy.
He wears Papa's shoes and tears up my book.
But Mummy says nothing—she doesn't even look.
When I say, "That's wrong!" He cries, "No, that's right!"
And that's how he starts another fight.
Oh, nobody loves me. I'll run away.
But look, what's there in the garden, hey?
A pair of dark glasses! Are they for me?
I try them on and what do I see?
Everything's wrong, nothing's right!
The world's all mixed up! What a wonderful sight!



Look at the garden! There's Muk swinging high.
He'll fall off that swing! And then he'll cry.







Our house has changed. Everything's upside-down.
Muk is feeding my Papa. Isn't he a clown?



I'm ashamed of my brother! He goes naked to school.
I think he's stupid. He's a real fool.

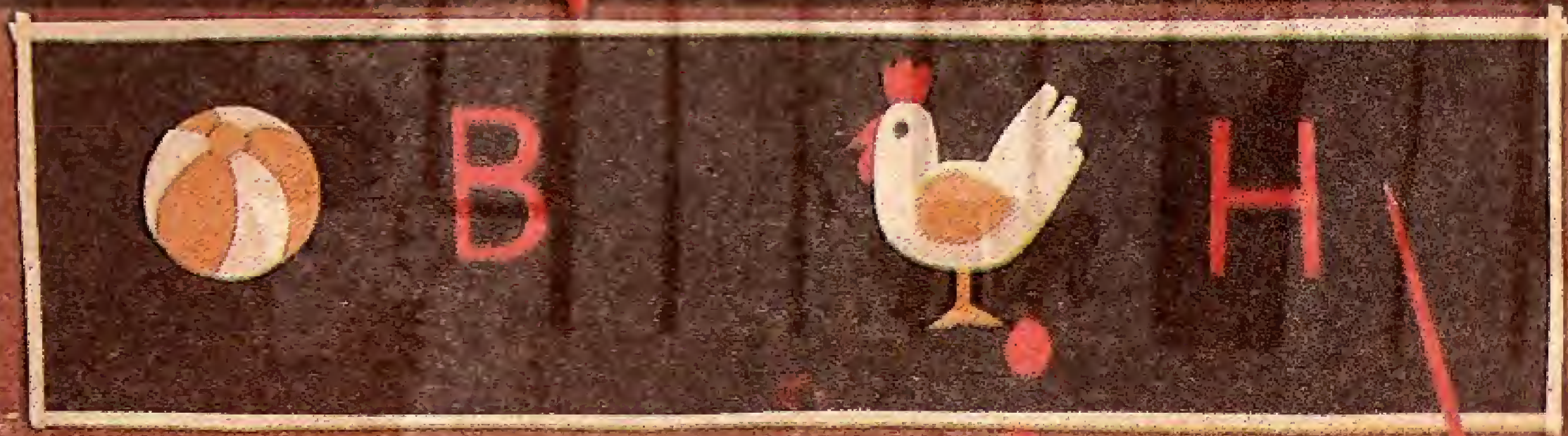


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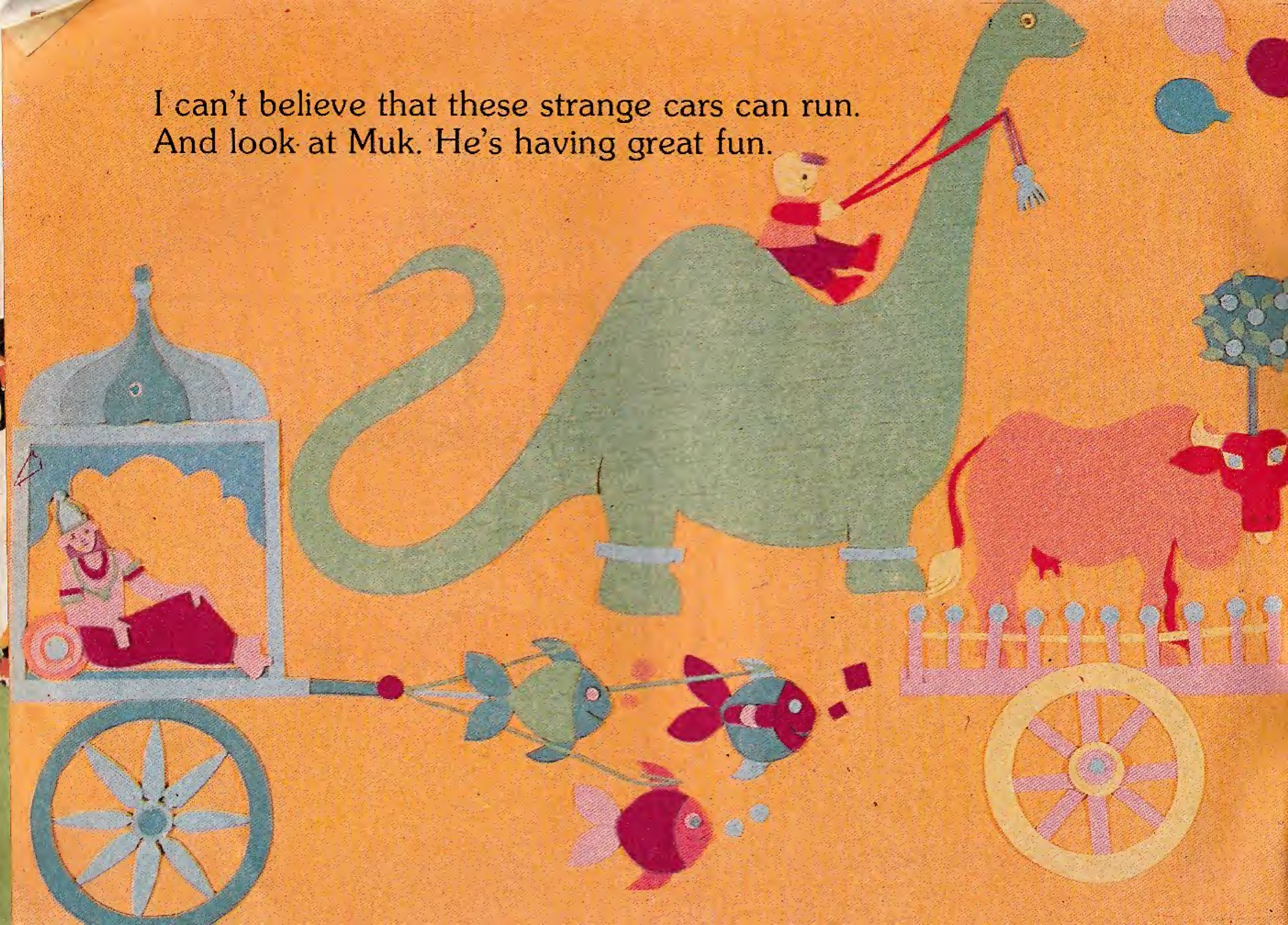
First the big lion and then the black bear
were in the zoo. Mulholland without fear



But there in the zoo Muk hugs without fear
First the big lion and then the black bear.

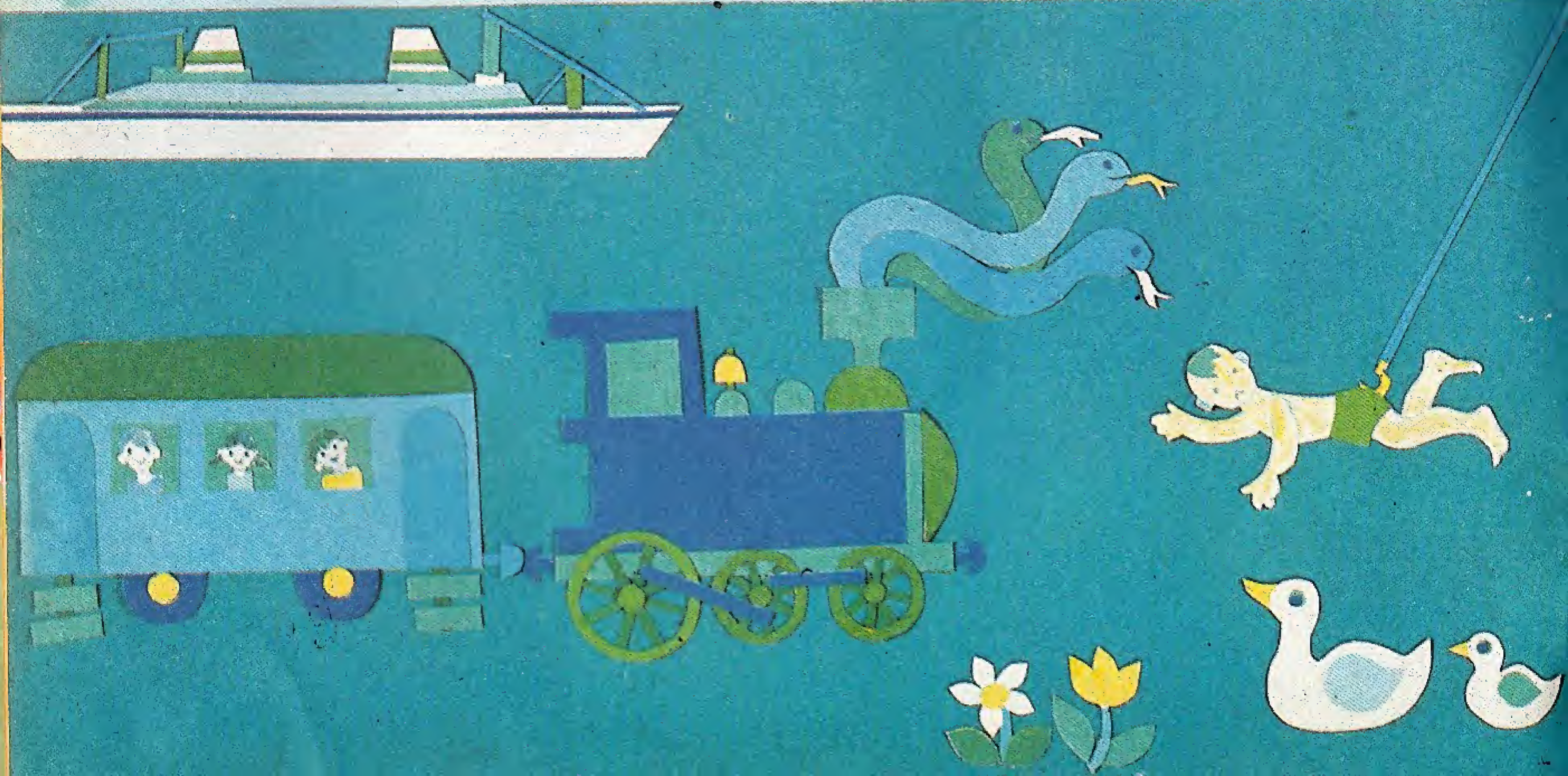


I can't believe that these strange cars can run.
And look at Muk. He's having great fun.





But out at sea, they are after Muk's life.
It's the shark, the old rascal, with a rod and a knife.
"Help save my brother," I cry from my boat.
I drop the dark glasses and off they float.

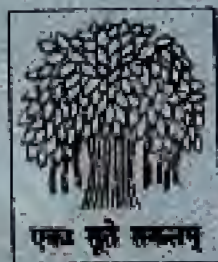




I'm back in my garden. Everything's just the same.
Someone comes running and calls out my name.
"Minni, O Minni! I've something for you."
It is Mukku, my brother in Papa's left shoe.
He says, "Take this laddoo and... I don't mean to be bad."
He really looks sorry! He almost looks sad.
I smile and I hug him and I say, "Okay—fine."
He's silly—he's naughty—but I'm glad he's mine.







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